

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION

LYDELL WHITE,

Plaintiff,

VS.

RONALD FERRELL, *et al*,

Defendants.


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CIVIL ACTION NO. C-09-234

**MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR  
APPOINTMENT OF EXPERT WITNESS**

Pending is plaintiff's motion for appointment of an expert (D.E. 38). Plaintiff's *ifp* status does not entitle him to appointment of an expert "merely to help him prove his claim." *Hannah v. U.S.*, 523 F.3d 597, 600 (5th Cir. 2008); *Pedraza v. Jones*, 71 F.3d 194, 196 (5th Cir. 1995). The motion (D.E. 38) is denied. Plaintiff is free to hire an expert witness.

ORDERED this 14th day of October, 2010.

  
B. JANICE ELLINGTON  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE